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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Louisiana Office of Conservation P.O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275

APPLICATION

Re:

Miocene Zone, Reservoir B

WEST JOHNSONS BAYOU FIELD

Cameron Parish, Louisiana Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of NOBLE ENERGY, INC. ("Applicant") for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the establishment of rules and regulations and the creation of a single drilling and production unit for the Miocene Zone, Reservoir B in the West Johnsons Bayou Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 300 acres for the Miocene Zone, Reservoir B, to be designated as the MIO RB SUA, West Johnsons Bayou Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
- 2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the proposed unit;
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;

7. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The MIOCENE ZONE, Reservoir B in the West Johnson Bayou Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing formation encountered between the measured depths of 8254 feet MD (8040 feet TVD) and 9066 feet MD (8780 feet TVD) in the Noble Energy, Inc. - C.O. Noble Heirs - A No. 1 Well, located in Section 17, Township 15 South, Range 15 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, pre-application notice was given; however, no request for the conference was received. Accordingly, the conference tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2003 <u>WILL NOT BE HELD</u>.

Pertinent data pertaining to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, Telephone (337)232-5004.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the Applicant's unit proposal (being the same plat attached to the Pre-Application Notice dated May 15, 2003), as well as a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this Application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant hereby certifies that it has made a reasonable effort to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties. A copy of the list of names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties is not being mailed to said parties along with this Application; however, a copy of said list will be promptly provided upon request.

Finally, enclosed is our firm check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

With kind regards, I am

Ted M. Anthony

TMA/kh Enclosures

